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Two French U. N. Officials Slain By Watusi Warriors

LEOPOLDVILLE, the Congo (AP) — Congo rebels in Kivu Province and Watusi warriors hacked two French U.N. experts with machetes and finished them with a burst of submachine-gun fire, a survivor said Tuesday.

"Gentlemen, we are here to help you and not for anything else," one Frenchman cried as

the crowd hurled itself upon the two with machetes.

Slain Monday

Slain Monday on a mission to aid the Watusi, tall, fierce warriors who are refugees from neighboring Rwanda, were Francois Preziosi, representative in Bukavu of the U.N. High Commission for Refugees, and Jean Plicque, head of the Bukavu branch office of the International Labor Organization.

They were killed near Kalehe, north of Bukavu on Lake Kivu in the eastern Congo. They were trying to reach a camp harboring Watusis who had fled from Rwanda.

Drives Escapes

Their Congolese driver, George Yogolero, was knifed in the arm but managed to flee. Yogolero told how the Frenchmen were cut down when Plicque was found to be carrying a pistol under his shirt.

Yogolero said the local mwami — king — of Kalonge had warned the two Frenchmen that the Watusis sympathized with Communist-backed rebels who have been threatening Bukavu. But Plicque and Preziosi insisted on going to the refugee camp.

Begged To Turn Back

In his report to the United Nations, Yogolero told how he had begged the two Frenchmen to turn back when he spotted armed men hiding in the bushes by the roadside.

The men carried submachine
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guns, rifles and Molotov cocktails, he said.

"After continuing another 500 yards, the car was stopped by a crowd consisting of Congolese, who wore rebel armbands, and had modern weapons," Yogolero said.

Spears And Machetes

The Watusis, some seven feet tall, carried spears and machetes.

A U.N. announcement said the two men were investigating reports on planned reprisals against certain refugees in the camp, at Nyakalonge, about 25 miles northwest of Bukavu.

Planned To Advise Watusi

Reports from Bukavu said the two officials planned to advise the Watusi to stay away from politics and not to join the Congolese rebels retreating toward the camp.

The tall, fierce Watusi, also called Tutsis, have been migrating from Rwanda since 1959, when the once-subservient Bahutu began slaughtering their former overlords. An estimated 10,000 Watusis have been slain and 350,000 have fled — 60,000 to the Congo alone.

Shocked, Sorry

U.N. Secretary-General U Thant sent messages to the men's wives in Bujumbura, capital of Burundi, saying he was "greatly shocked and sorry to learn of the untimely death of your husbands while engaged in humanitarian work."

The men had participated in an agreement reached last week for settlement of 60,000 Rwandese refugees in Kivu Province and 24,000 Rwandese refugees in Burundi.

U.S. Is Criticized

The United States decision to supply Congolese Premier Moise Tshombe's government with military equipment drew criticism in Kenya and in Moscow.

A group of demonstrators paraded outside the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi. They gave Ambassador William Attwood a letter saying "We won't allow you to turn Congo into another Vietnam."

Pravda, the Soviet Communist party organ, said the United States was flouting the United Nations and that the move was "the beginning of a United States intervention in that country."